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Welcome, fish!

Mascot unveiling, Orange Crush among highlights of activities

By Kaila Contreras
THE COLLEGIAN

Freshmen and transfer students might ask: "Where are my classes?" "What's there to do on campus?" Don't worry, Welcome Week has the answers. UTB/TSC welcomes all students to the Fall 2012 semester with a series of events that begin today, the first day of class. The Office of Student Life and the Dean of Students Office have organized two weeks of fun events through Sept.7 to help

students get to know the campus while having a great time. "Every semester, we organize a series of events to welcome students to the campus community," Student Life Director Sergio Martinez said. "Our purpose is to instill goodwill, a sense of belonging, a sense of pride, and start off the semester on a good note for the student body." Martinez recommends that all freshmen network and make new friends. "Part of the college experience is to find out what you can make out of yourself," he said. "This is a great opportunity for freshmen to find out what they

can fit into. We want them to make the most out of their university experience." Organizations such as the Student Government Association have been taking part in Welcome Week and encourage new students to join the senate. SGA Vice President of Accounting and Finance Pedro Rangel says Welcome Week is an awesome experience and helps students to be more involved on campus. "It gives [freshmen] a chance to expand their networking and communication skills and to get to know other people to have a good college experience and feel comfortable around



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Students Erick Lopez (left) and Jordy Lopez enjoy the tricycle race during last year's Freshman Mixer.

the university," Rangel said. "We're encouraging freshmen to join SGA and don't hesitate to contact us." Among the activities (see

complete schedule, Page 10) are two flash mobs organized by UTB Radio and Dingbat Productions, the Halo Reach Tournament, a Root Beer Pong Tournament and Campus Recreation's 3-on-3 Inner Tube Water Polo Tournament. Volunteers will be stationed See **FISH**, Page 14

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TSC aims to hire 9 officials by Oct. 1

Faculty and other staff to be hired next spring

By Gabriela Cavazos

THE COLLEGIAN

Texas Southmost College is looking to fill nine administrative posts by Oct. 1, President Lily Tercero says. In an interview with *The Collegian* earlier this month, Tercero said the positions

are associate vice president of student services, director of financial aid, director of admissions and records, director of planning, research and institutional effectiveness, director of marketing and community relations, dean of health care, career and technical education, two



Lily Tercero

senior administrative office personnel and a controller. “It’s good news, we are finally moving toward the

next major step, which is the creation of offices, functional units for TSC, so that we can move toward becoming independently operational,” Tercero said. “So, we’re working with UTB right now and the UT System on making that happen. So, it’s actually very positive. This is what I call getting down to the operational level in moving forth with making sure that the college is able to open in fall of ’13.” Asked how many faculty and staff have been hired, Tercero replied: “We still haven’t had a large number of hirings at

TSC. ... The hiring won’t be taking place until actually now and into the rest of this year. The big amount of people will be hired in the spring. ... The focus is on making sure we provide the students services as part of this whole effort.” Asked if she was going to hire any UT-Brownsville staff that are scheduled to be laid off as a result of the separation of UTB and TSC, Tercero said: “We encourage everyone to apply, including UTB employees. I think that there are going to be some wonderful candidates” See **TSC**,Page 13

Dropped without notice

Last-minute course changes force students to re-register

By Joe Molina

COLLEGIAN EDITOR

Was your class dropped or was its time or location changed? Did you get a notification? Then you, too, are one of many students who found themselves dealing with registration issues at UTB/TSC about a week before the start of classes today. “When it comes to registering, it’s always difficult because classes tend to change or the professors cancel the class,” said government junior Reymundo Lopez. “So you [need] to keep looking to see which courses adapt to your [schedule].”

Lopez was on his laptop computer last Wednesday juggling available course options that would best fit his strictly scheduled study time. He told *The Collegian* he had registered for his classes June 6, when UTB/TSC allows students with 60 or more credits to sign up for classes, according to a staggered registration scheduled provided by the university. He said the university did not notify him of the change in the location of one of his classes. “I decided to check just out of curiosity a week before school started,” Lopez said, discovering that one of his courses had been relocated from the Fort Brown campus to the Texas State Technical College campus in Harlingen, a commute he says he cannot afford. “I changed that course, which made me change another course,” Lopez said, “So, because of one course, I had to change two courses, so you can imagine the hassle.” A trip to the Academic Advising Center revealed several reasons why these changes happen and what students can do to avoid future struggles when registering for classes. Academic Advising Coordinator Rosa



JOE MOLINA/COLLEGIAN

Senior Tania Caballero, an early childhood education major, gestures as she describes how course drops and changes affected her. Also shown is senior English major Sarah Dierlam who said the changes also affected the schedules of friends and relative who also attend UTB/TSC.

Peñasaid changes in coursetimes and locations happen because faculty sometimes need to increase the number of seats for specific course sections or may have a schedule conflict. Asked if students receive notice on these course drops or changes, Peña said that she did not know, but that the entities responsible for making course alterations are the academic departments. Early childhood education senior Tania Caballero and English senior Sarah Dierlam both agreed that although the fall course changes had not affected them personally, several of their friends and relatives had struggled with finding other courses to replace those that were dropped. “I didn’t find out that one of my [Summer II] classes had been canceled until a week before the session started,” Caballero said, “so it was really difficult because I needed that [summer course] to graduate this [coming] spring. ... I ended up taking the course online, which I really don’t like to because I like the in-class experience.” Asked what students should do to See **DROPPED**,Page 14

Survival: the freshman

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Experts dish out healthy eating tips

By Marlane Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

For incoming freshmen, college can be an exciting experience. The “freshman 15,” however, is one of the experiences students should try to avoid. Studies show that students are likely to gain weight in their first year of college. From January to September 2009

and during January 2011, 800 students volunteered to visit the Student Health Services clinic in Cortez Hall to have their body max index calculated for a study conducted by SHS Director Eugenia Curet. The study showed that 54 percent of the students’ BMI levels indicated that they were within the range of overweight to morbid obesity. Constance Hayes, an assistant master technical instructor for the Bachelor’s of Applied Technology Program, said a study done in 2010 showed that more than 50 percent of sampling done in Brownsville was overweight. Because the community is overweight, Hayes said, weight gain is a problem at UTB/TSC more so. “When high school students first go to college their eating patterns sometimes change, they don’t have dad monitoring what they’re eating,” she said. Hayes said the first thing to do to avoid See **SURVIVAL**,Page 14



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"It was easy. I went to my mandatory advising, and then I registered on Scorpion Online and found all my classes online."



Carolina Valles
Bilingual education senior



Ted Hughston
Architecture senior

"My registration experience was a pretty simple one, because [I] had a lot of people helping me through the process. [At] Scorpionation, they really helped me transition from high school to college with what needs to go down and what I have to do."

--Compiled by Alex Rodriguez
--Photos by Bryan Romero



Eliutt Rivera
Computer science sophomore

"[My] registration experience was pretty good for the most part. The website helped a lot compared to other schools. [I] had a couple of problems with my transfer credits because I didn't know what building it went to when I sent it. But it was either by mail or online. There was a mix-up, so it was a little harder at the end, but for the most part it was easy."

Read me, maybe?

By Joe Molina
THE COLLEGIAN

You have no idea how many times I've asked myself, "What in the world did you get yourself into?"

Recently, this question's (repeated) attribution has been aimed at my promotion at *The Collegian*. Having only worked for our campus newspaper this past spring semester, my understanding of an editor in chief's workload was somewhat innocent and vague.

I mostly blame our old editor, Rene Cardona Jr., who made it look so easy, and (I'm sure) right about now finds himself studying his graduate courses at UT-Austin while enjoying a latte and chuckling at the following inquiry: How did you do it?

Surely, his response would have been something to the effect of, "Mr. Molina, relax! You'll figure it out." And yes, granted that I am an engineering physics major, I have been "figuring it out," and I intend to do so for as long as I can.

The *Collegian's* crew this semester is comprised of many new faces who have taken after our very fine veteran editors, reporters and photographers during the training sessions this summer.

I admire their enthusiasm and bravery on embarking on this journey along my side, where they'll not only have to deal with last-minute story assignments, late-night

'I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD FEEL LIKE TO FLY'

editing sessions and nail-biting interviews but also with their classes, homework and their family and friends. I thank them beforehand and hope their experience at *The Collegian* turns out as rewarding as mine.

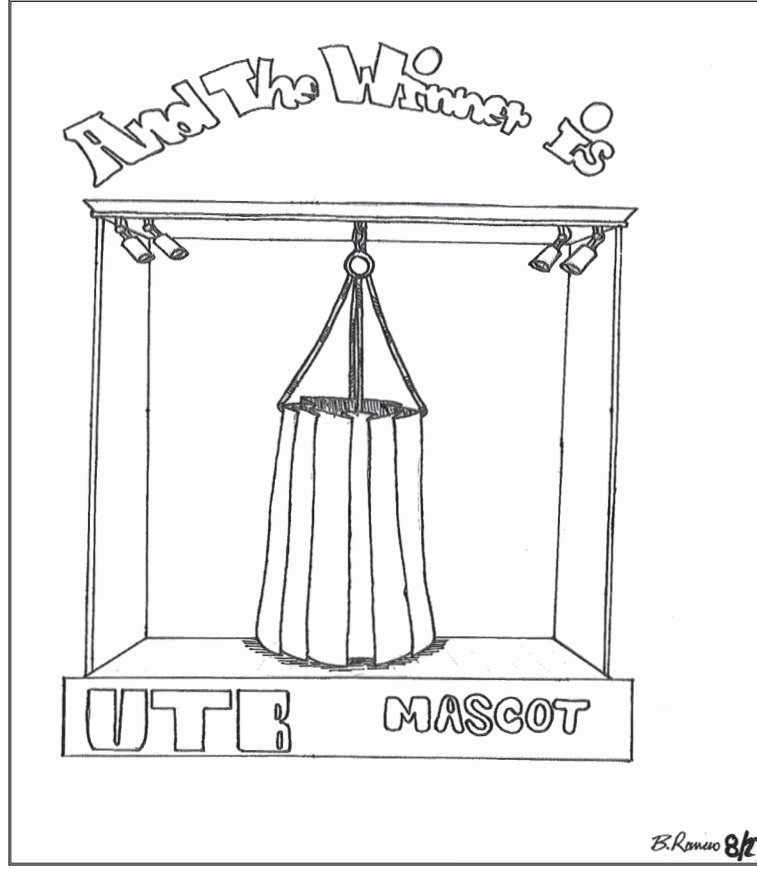
I feel confident in saying that we, *The Collegian* staff, look forward to providing the student body, staff, faculty and the community at large, with

accurate coverage of important issues and events. We also plan to entertain our readers with our many interesting and exciting feature stories.

I would also like to welcome all readers to engage in an open exchange of ideas, suggestions and comments via *The Collegian's* online version or in person at Student Union 1.28--our doors are always open.

Finally, I would like to thank the true pillars of *The Collegian* whose names hardly appear in print, the women without whom nothing would get done: Student Media Coordinator Susie Cantu, whose vast knowledge always sets me at ease; Student Media Secretary Ana Sanchez, who tirelessly and readily provides the answers and solutions I need; and Student Media Director Azenett Cornejo, the backbone of our department and a personal role model of mine.

I would like to thank these women for setting the bar so high. I've always wondered what it would feel like to fly.



Obstructive age

Did technology take us in the right direction?

By Michelangelo Sosa

THE COLLEGIAN

The world is a constantly changing social map, and the dawn of the personal computer and search engine Google gave birth to a world that would never be the same. Now, workers and blogging teenagers find themselves entering the next epoch of civilization, the Technology Age, as declared by Microsoft Corp. and Rob Salkowitz, author of the book "How Youth Technology and Entrepreneurship Are Changing the World from the Bottom Up."

The common man has advanced technology at his disposal. With a 1970s-level supercomputer in the palm of his hand, he has been given the chance to literally reach for the stars and you'd think he would take this chance.

Intel's co-founder Gordon E. Moore promised that all of his technological products, including computer processors, would be updated every 18 months, and his company has delivered.

However, with all of these resources at our disposal, we are still using fossil fuels to power our lives. Fossil fuels were used in 1885 in the first combustion engine. And nuclear fuel, first used back in 1951, powered the latest technological achievement in human history--the Curiosity Rover, or "1-ton dune buggy," onto the Martian surface. And it's no wonder NASA finds itself in a financial crunch, not discovering new worlds but undertaking familiar missions.

Meanwhile, the everyday

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

In favor of the smoking ban

As a longtime resident of Brownsville and a person who deeply cares about the well-being and prosperity of our beautiful city, I urge [the Brownsville City Commission] to support the [proposed] ban on smoking in public places that is scheduled for a vote soon.

It is unfortunate that some people are protesting this ban because of reasons not associated with health.

Have you ever had a family member or loved one be affected by smoking? I have. My uncle, Nicholas Escobedo, who lived at La Posada Drive, died of secondhand smoke. In 2002, doctors discovered he had stomach cancer and at the time, Dr. Lorenzo Pelly informed us it was associated with smoking. We could not believe it because he never smoked, but that's what Dr. Pelly's research indicated. I have the case file and I am willing to share it to help you make an informed and educated decision regarding this matter. This is a good example of why we need to keep our city healthy and safe and not allow a few to dictate to the city what is good for the masses. It's been

almost 10 years since my uncle died. I still miss him very much.

Just last week, I was in Houston visiting my aunt, Dora Sonora, who also has cancer. She was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2010--stage 3--and doctors cannot explain how she got it as she, too, has never smoked a day in her life. Some doctors speculate that because her husband, Mario Sonora, was a heavy smoker in the 1980s and '90s that may be why she has cancer. These are just two stories of my family. Imagine what else is out there, or much better, visit with the experts who know the statistics and information regarding this critical health issue plaguing our city, state and country.

Prior to the vote and before more speculation is made, I think it would be wise to call in the American Cancer Society as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention so they can provide a briefing to the City Commission, its pertinent staff, residents of the city and those interested in learning more about the effects of smoking. This would be a good first step. I am certain your health department could coordinate such presentations. If not, I am willing to help coordinate them myself.

Dr. Rose Gowen is a medical doctor; she knows better than any of us what the effects of smoking and secondhand

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Romney calls for boost in offshore drilling

By Julie Pace
and Matthew Daly
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOBBS, N.M. --Seeking to reset his economic message, Republican Mitt Romney pledged Thursday to create 3 million jobs and more than \$1 trillion in revenue by ramping up offshore oil drilling and giving states more control over energy production on federal land. Romney, reviving a long-elusive goal pushed by presidents and presidential candidates for decades, said his plans would make the U.S., along with Canada and Mexico, energy independent by 2020.

“This is not some pie in the sky kind of thing,” Romney told voters in Hobbs, the heart of New Mexico’s oil and gas industry. “This is a real achievable objective.”

The cornerstone of Romney’s plan is opening up more areas for offshore oil drilling, including in the mid-Atlantic, where it is currently banned. He also wants to give states the power to establish all forms of energy production on federal lands,

a significant shift in current policy that could face strong opposition in Congress. His proposals make little mention of

renewable sources of energy, like wind and solar, backed by President Barack Obama. Romney has deep ties to big oil and raised more than \$7 million from industry executives during a campaign fundraiser in Texas earlier in the week.

The presumptive Republican nominee’s attempts to refocus on his plans for job creation follows a week dominated by comments made by Missouri Republican Rep. Todd Akin, a Senate candidate who said a woman’s body is able to avoid pregnancy during what he called a “legitimate rape.”

Romney called for Akin to drop out of the Senate race, but the congressman so far has refused.

Obama’s campaign also began a new push on the economy Thursday with a television advertisement featuring former President Bill Clinton. In the ad, Clinton speaks directly to the camera and says voters face a “clear choice” over which candidate will return the nation to full employment.

“We need to keep going with his plan,” Clinton says of Obama in the ad, which will run in eight battleground states.

The former president also draws a connection between Obama’s policies for strengthening the middle class and the nation’s economic prosperity during his time in office, when the U.S. economy was thriving. Obama’s campaign has been seeking to use Clinton as a reminder to voters that the economy was strong the last time a Democrat held the White House.

Romney said his energy proposals would result in more than \$1 trillion in revenue for federal, state and local governments, plus millions of jobs.

His calls for increased drilling include opening up coastline in the Mid-Atlantic where drilling is currently banned. His proposals for giving states the power to establish all forms of energy production on federal lands would also be a significant shift in current policy that could face strong opposition in Congress.

In a supporting document, Romney says it now takes up to 307 days to receive permits to drill a well on federal land. By contrast, states such as North Dakota issue permits within 10 days and Colorado within 27 days, Romney said.

“States are far better able to develop, adopt and enforce regulations based on their unique resources, geology and local concerns,” the statement said.

In an effort to appease environmentalists, Romney says he would prevent energy production on federal lands designated as off-limits.

Romney’s plan focuses heavily on boosting domestic oil production, including approving the Keystone XL pipeline that would run from Canada to U.S. refineries in Texas.

The proposal would establish a new five-year leasing plan for offshore oil production that “aggressively opens” new areas for drilling, starting with the coasts of Virginia and North Carolina. Virginia’s Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell has pushed to expand offshore drilling as

a boost to Virginia’s economy.

The Obama administration has proposed a plan that would allow energy companies to begin seismic testing to find oil and

natural reserves in the Atlantic Ocean. Companies would use the information to determine where to apply for energy leases, although no leases would be available until at least 2017.

The Romney plan makes little mention of wind energy, which Obama has pushed heavily in states such as Iowa and Colorado. Obama has pushed Congress to extend a tax credit for producers of wind energy, an approach that Romney opposes.

Romney accused Obama of seeking to block oil and gas production in order to help renewable energy companies prosper.

“I like wind and solar like the next person, but I don’t want the law to be used to stop the production of oil and gas and coal,” Romney said.

Obama campaign spokeswoman Lis Smith called Romney’s energy plan “backward.”

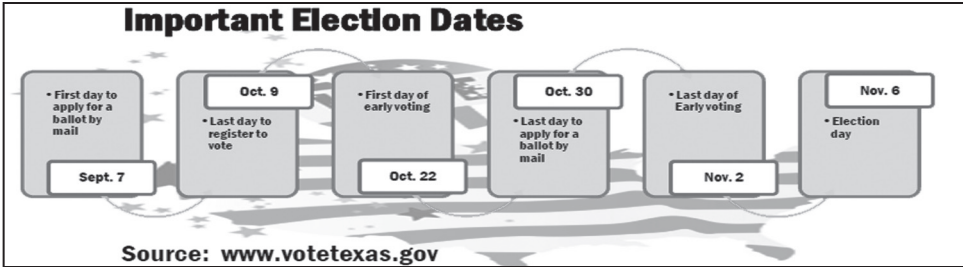
“This isn’t a recipe for energy independence,” Smith said. “It’s just another irresponsible scheme to help line the pockets of big oil while allowing the U.S to fall behind and cede the clean energy sector to China.”

The president told donors in New York last Wednesday night that under his administration, dependence on foreign oil has gone below 50 percent for the first time in 13 years.

“Oil production is up. Natural gas is up. But we’re also doubling the energy that we get from wind and solar. That is clean, it’s renewable, it’s homegrown, it’s creating jobs all across America,” Obama said.

Obama has called for a one-third reduction in U.S. oil imports by 2025. The president’s proposal for boosting domestic oil production relies in part on offering incentives to companies that hold leases for offshore and onshore drilling to speed up recovery; increasing the use of biofuels and natural gas; and making vehicles more energy-efficient.

--Daly reported from Washington.



Obama, Romney pursue divergent ad strategies

By Beth Fouhy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new TV ad featuring former President Bill Clinton is the latest evidence of a deliberate and potentially risky advertising strategy by the Obama campaign to blitz airwaves with its strongest material months before the general election.

President Barack Obama’s campaign is hoping to inoculate itself from what’s expected to come: a barrage of commercials from Mitt Romney and Republican independent groups in the fall.

In Obama’s latest ad, Clinton endorses the president and his economic policies. It’s slated to air in eight battleground states, timed to run right before the Republican National Convention begins this week. The ad is the culmination of an approach Obama’s team has followed since Romney became the all but certain GOP nominee in April. The Obama campaign’s goal has been to present the former Massachusetts governor as an unacceptable alternative, despite the weak economic recovery and stubbornly high unemployment throughout the president’s tenure.

“If you look at the ad pattern, the Obama campaign sees it as a seven-month run and the Romney campaign sees it as a three-month sprint. Everything we’re seeing points to that,” said Elizabeth Wilner, vice president for Kantar/Campaign Media Analysis Group. “It’s a gamble for both sides, and whoever is right will win.”

Ad spending is expected to hit \$1.1 billion in the 2012 presidential contest. About one-third of that has already been spent, according to Kantar/CMAG, which tracks campaign ads.

The spending reflects the divergent ad strategies from the Obama and Romney teams. Obama’s campaign has frontloaded its ads throughout the spring and summer, seeking to define Romney. The Romney campaign and groups affiliated with it have only recently caught up and exceeded the Obama campaign’s spending. Romney and his allies are focusing the bulk of their advertising efforts on the weeks

closer to the general election. They hope to capitalize on a successful convention and heightened interest from voters.

The Obama campaign’s decision to roll out Clinton now, rather than closer to the election, reflects a calculation that his endorsement will carry more weight than when the airwaves are fully saturated.

“The Republican plan is to cut more taxes on upper-income people and go back to deregulation. That’s what got us in trouble in the first place,” Clinton says in the ad, set to air in New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada.

Obama, Clinton says, will help rebuild the middle class if re-elected. “That’s what happened when I was president,” Clinton says.

So far, Obama’s campaign has spent \$130 million on advertising, compared to about \$70 million for Romney. But a trio of Republican-leaning outside groups has spent about \$100 million on ads supporting Romney. That’s allowed the candidate to remain competitive in ad spending and even exceed the Obama campaign in recent weeks. And when Romney officially becomes his party’s nominee this week, he’ll be free to spend millions more in money designated specifically for the general election.

Anticipating the ad spending disadvantage, the Obama campaign began its general election ad buys in mid-April.

A barrage of ads hitting Bain Capital, the venture firm where Romney made millions, was released in early May. The ads depicted Romney as a corporate raider who had bankrupted companies and laid-off workers--an effort to undermine his contention that his experience as a businessman makes him more qualified than Obama to fix the economy. A series of spots criticizing Romney’s record as Massachusetts governor quickly followed.

A pro-Obama independent group, Priorities USA Action, was also on the air in the spring with ads slamming Romney’s record at Bain. But the group has struggled to raise money and hasn’t provided the level of help Romney is getting from allied independent groups.

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‘SNL,’ Valley style

Comm professor’s class entertains crowd with original skits

By Gabriela Cavazos
THE COLLEGIAN

“It’s Friday Night Live!”
On Aug.17, Professor William Strong’s Special Topics in Communications class performed a slew of comedy skits before a live audience at Last Call Bar & Grill as their final exam.

It was standing room only as curious UTB/TSC students and faculty and others watched the cast perform parody skits in “Saturday Night Live” style. Host Rico Rios warmed up the crowd with some stand-up comedy.

In a skit titled “What’s Up With That?” photos from across the Rio Grande Valley splashed across a screen, depicting such follies as misspelled, misused, and mispronounced English words. For example, the letters SOTP were painted on a stop sign on a road taken in Weslaco.

The following skit contained the same form of comedic strategy that took place in the classroom of Ms. Rosita Stone (Rosetta Stone), where among the students was Pepito. Pepito is often the central character in Mexican-American jokes.

“Call 1-800- TU ABUELA” presented an exaggerated but funny depiction of “tu abuela’s” home remedies. An egg, Vicks and hierbas (herbs) to cure common ailments that students suffer, such as failing a test, are used.

Other characters who garnered laughs were in a skit



GABRIELA CAVAZOS/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

Communication major Rico Rios performs stand-up as Robbie, the Banana Stanana Nana comic.

parodying Dr. Mehmet Oz (in this case, Dr. Voz), Yenny Craig (Jenny Craig), Tu Abuela, Rico Simmons (Richard Simmons),



Communication major Erik Solis portrays “Pepito” in the skit “Ms. Rosita Stone’s Class,” which was part of Professor William Strong’s “Friday Night Live” comedy show.

The characters offered their “special” remedies for a number of ailments, ranging from the common cold to impotence.

“The Real Housewives of Cameron County,” “UT Walking at Brownsville” and “Robbie, the Banana Stanana Nana Comic” left the crowd in stitches.

Although based on social

stereotypes, you don’t have to be from the Valley to appreciate the jokes. The cast earned their A’s, I’m sure, for “making [Dr. Strong] and the rest of us laugh,” English major Erika Castillo said.

All of the skits were written and performed by Strong’s students.

Movie Review: ‘The Dark Knight Rises’

Bittersweet ending to Nolan’s epic trilogy

By Alex Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

While the “The Dark Knight Rises” is supposed to depict Batman in action, it barely does. Bruce Wayne, Batman’s alter ego, has more screen time than the caped crusader.

“The Dark Knight Rises” is the third in a trilogy by director Christopher Nolan. It is an adaptation/drama/action film set in Gotham City and is rated PG-13.

The film stars Christian Bale as Batman and as his alter ego, Wayne. “The Dark Knight Rises” also has many familiar faces, such as Michael Caine (Alfred Pennyworth), Morgan Freeman (Lucius Fox) and Gary Oldman (Commissioner Jim Gordon). It also introduces new characters such as Bane (Tom Hardy) and Catwoman (Anne Hathaway).

“Dark Knight” starts off with Bruce Wayne depicted as a hermit due to the fact that crime seems to have come to a halt. He is also badly battered from all the years of crime fighting. Batman seems to be no more until a new villain named Bane (Hardy) appears with a plan to change Gotham forever with

the use of urban terrorism.

So Batman is once again called to action, but Bane beats him nearly to the point of death and he awakens in a prison. Wayne overcomes a broken back received at the hands of Bane and prepares like a boxer before his big fight. Batman recovers and defeats Bane in a final battle, with many twists and turns along the way.

Nolan delivers another dark and gloomy interpretation of Batman, while staying true to the character and offering a movie that children and adults will both enjoy and understand. The movie features a lot of drama between Wayne and his loyal butler, Alfred Pennyworth (Caine), which is good for the story, but could have been replaced with some more action sequences.

The movie lacked Batman. People didn’t want to see the epic of Bruce Wayne, they went to see Batman. While Nolan seems to have wanted to add more depth to Batman, it’s not needed if this is supposed to be his final Batman movie.

That said, “Dark Knight” is a great end to an epic trilogy. I recommend it to kids and big kids alike. I give it a rating of four out of five stars.



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Weslaco native Jason Ellsworth performs hoedown music during an ensemble performance last Tuesday at El Hueso de Fraile. Live music starts at 8 p.m. every day. The house band *Ensamble la Misión* plays its Latin-American folk music and music from the 1960s and 1970s.

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An array of handcrafted jewelry by Carolina Luna, an artist and manager of El Hueso de Fraile, is on display at the coffee shop, 837 E. Elizabeth St., Suite D, in downtown Brownsville. The coffee house supports local artists.



Guitarist Mike Flores (from left), Adrian Foncerrada Jr. on double bass, violinist Jason Ellsworth and drummer Sebastian Foncerrada perform "Fall on My Knees" by Old Crow Medicine Show. Hueso de Fraile's customers may enjoy the music while sipping a variety of coffees or organic, loose-leaf teas. Homemade sandwiches, made by Laura Foncerrada, also are served.



El Hueso de Fraile owner Adrian Foncerrada Sr. joins the ensemble playing his Irish tin flute. "El Hueso de Fraile presents an alternative manifestation of music, something that is not heard often," Foncerrada said. "This music we present has so many ethnic origins."



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Stretching your food dollar

Little restaurants off campus with big flavors and low prices

By Samantha Ruiz
THE COLLEGIAN

It's 1 o'clock, your class just let out and you feel that deep, hollow rumbling in your stomach. You have a craving for something good, but your wallet is asking for something cheap.

Don't settle for the restaurants nearby that have been feeding you and emptying your wallet every day. Try something new that you won't have to reach deep inside your pockets for.

You might want to follow this weekly schedule to help you find good, inexpensive food off campus this week.

Monday

The first day of class is a blur and you just want something cheap, filling and fast. Don't go for the basic fast-food burger. Instead, try a cheeseburger from a little stand with a big history.

Rutledge Hamburger Stand has been open since 1924, but be careful not to miss this tiny restaurant at 1126 E. Washington St. If you're claustrophobic, you might want to consider picking up your order because the dining area is squeezed between two white walls.

They may have a tiny restaurant, but it matches their tiny prices!

Areli Perez, who manages the stand, said their biggest seller is the cheeseburger, which costs \$1.50. However, their best item on the menu is their double-meat, double-cheese burger (\$2.25). Chips and a soda can be added for 70 cents and \$1, respectively. Ham can also be added to your burgers for 35 cents more.

Rutledge's burgers are just a few cents more than a dollar menu at a fast-food chain, much better tasting and filling; everything on the Rutledge menu is under \$3!

Rutledge Hamburger Stand is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. You can eat in or call ahead at 544-2628. Look out for cards they hand out to receive a free combo.

"It's good, it's cheap ... you can come walking, [which] a lot of students do," Perez said of Rutledge.

Be sure to check out their Facebook page as well.

Tuesday

Burrok burritos, beers and more, a restaurant at 2395 University Blvd., Unit 8, has \$5 Tuesdays this fall semester for any burrito. UTB/TSC students can also get 10 percent off by showing their ID on any day. The restaurant is a few blocks away from Casa Bella, the student housing complex.

Facebook users can also get free chips and *queso* by checking in after liking the Burrok Facebook page. UTB/TSC graduate M. Isela Padilla welcomes the university's students to hang out at her restaurant, stop by their drive-through or place their order at 982-2424.

The experience at Burrok is similar to Subway. You are given a small paper with a space for your name and then you circle the type of tortilla, type of rice, meat, beans and veggies you want inside.

These burritos are stuffed with flavor and are specialized to your liking.

The restaurant will have its grand opening in September and begin selling flavored *Micheladas*.

Burrok's tortillas are made in house, meats and toppings are fresh and never frozen. If you're up for the challenge, finish their 36-inch burrito in the allotted time to win a free T-shirt and a spot on their wall of fame.

Padilla encourages UTB/TSC artists and musicians to post their art or perform in the restaurant.

"We're a new urban environment, a place for

students to relax [and] have a good meal," Padilla said.

If you like it, return on Friday for 99-cent handmade corn tacos.

Burrok is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day.

Wednesday

It's hump day, so treat yourself to some Nolita NY Pizza.

UTB/TSC students can grab a giant slice of pizza for 99 cents with a coupon in *The Collegian*, buy a two-slice and drink combo for \$4.99 or spilt the cost of a 20-inch pizza (\$18.48) with your friends.

Nolita delivers anywhere in Brownsville for free. Place your order at 280-5807.

Owner Eduardo Morales said he opened this restaurant because he went to a college in Boston where students would hang out at the many pizzerias around.

"I made this place with students in mind," Morales said.

When you walk in, you can see the huge pizzas being made. In the corner, someone is building another huge pizza with lots of cheese and toppings.

Visit this restaurant downtown at 533 E. 13th St. from noon to 10 p.m. every day, or visit its website, nolitanypizza.com.

Go to its Facebook and check before visiting or ordering your pizza. On randomly picked days, the restaurant will post keywords for getting the special for that day.

Thursday

After having fast food most of the week, try to cleanse your pallet with healthier selections at Hoang Gia Vietnamese Restaurant at 2200 Boca Chica Blvd.

Hoang Gia may mean "royal" but their prices are common-folk friendly and their dishes are more than filling.

Try their Beef Pho, a dish with beef brisket, steak, meatballs and long grain rice noodles priced at \$7.95 for a large bowl and \$6.95 for a medium. A large bowl should fill you and at least one other friend.

Unlike regular egg noodles, Hoang Gia uses healthier long-grain noodles that are white and thin.

If you want something smaller, try their spring rolls stuffed with noodles, shrimp and pork wrapped in rice paper served and with peanut sauce. Get two for \$3.95 or get about six deep-fried spring rolls stuffed with shrimp and pork with a side of fish sauce for \$5.95.

Manager Raymundo Capetillo said Hoang Gia doesn't use a lot of oil to cook its food.

"It's good, it's healthy, there's hardly any oil," Capetillo said. "The only oil we use is for the different spring rolls."

Hoang Gia is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. Call them at 621-1032 or 621-1051.

Friday

Have dinner at an authentic Mexican *taquería* called 1 Happy Taco at 1834 Southmost Rd.

Try their *bistec*, *al pastor*, *barbacoa*, or *costilla* all-you-can-eat tacos for \$7.99 or *tripa* \$9.96. You can dine in or have all-you-can-eat tacos to go by calling 408-2437.

This restaurant opens at 5 p.m. every day and closes at 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday.

Waitress and cashier Mercedes Vera said that students should come to this restaurant because it's economical and you can eat all you can.

Here's a weekly menu that should feed you and your wallet!



The Happy Taco on Southmost Road serves a daily all-you-can-eat tacos (pastor, bistek, barbacoa and costilla) special for \$7.99.



The Hoang Gia Royal Vietnamese restaurant, located at the Country Corner on Boca Chica Boulevard, opened July 27.

Hoang Gia offers six deep-fried spring rolls stuffed with shrimp and pork with fish sauce for \$5.95.



Burrok is walking distance from the Casa Bella student housing complex.

Burrok patrons can create their own burrito. On Tuesdays it costs \$5.



The Rutledge Hamburger Stand on East Washington Street has been in business since 1924.

Rutledge Manager Areli Perez takes an order from a customer.



Nolita NY Pizza, located at 533 E. 13th St. in downtown Brownsville, is also within walking distance from UTB/TSC.

Cook Jacob Castro slides a pepperoni pizza into the Nolita NY Pizza oven.



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5-year-old battles for his life

Boy needs bone marrow transplant to fight severe aplastic anemia

By Héctor Aguilar
THE COLLEGIAN

At the tender age of 5, Nolan Maddux Naranjo has received more than 70 blood transfusions just to stay alive. “Time is running out for Nolan and because of so many transfusions, there will come a point when his body begins to reject them,” said his mother, Jennifer Naranjo. Last year, Nolan started showing bruises and experiencing nosebleeds, which the family initially attributed to a vitamin deficiency “until the bruises are on your torso, upper back and they’re big, like hematoma-style bruises, and you think, that’s just not right,” Naranjo said. With the intensity of the bruises increasing, the family decided to seek medical assistance.

Last September, an initial visit to Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen turned into an all-day hospital tour that ended in Driscoll Children’s Hospital in Corpus Christi and an unexpected diagnosis: Nolan had severe aplastic anemia.

Severe aplastic anemia is a disease of the bone marrow in which the bone marrow stops making enough red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets needed for the body which, depending on the severity, leaves people at risk for life-threatening infections or bleeding, according to the National Marrow Donor Program website: marrow.org.

In Nolan’s case, it is evolving

into myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) or pre-leukemia.

“Be the Match is an organization that helps children and adults who have blood disorders or blood cancers that are in need of someone that matches their same genetic makeup,” said Melissa Elizondo, the South Texas regional marrow consultant for Be the Match.

The treatment for aplastic anemia involves multiple approaches.

“The first thing would be a sibling bone marrow

back a match. Nolan then underwent Antithymocyte globulin or (ATG) treatment, which suppresses the immune system so that the bone marrow makes more blood cells.

The initial ATG treatment can take several days of eight-to-10 hour transfusions and can have many side effects, said Carlos Ortiz, whose daughter suffered from aplastic anemia and recovered after treatment.

The treatment lasts six months; however, by the fourth month, Nolan was not showing any improvement.

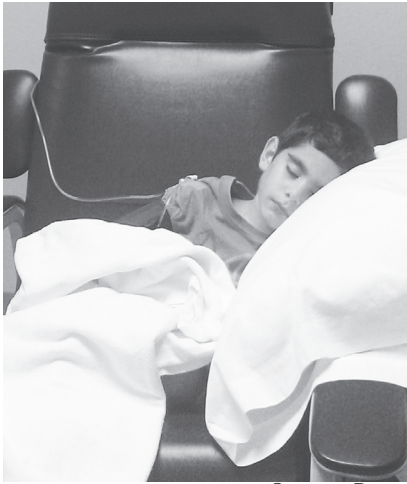
That left a bone marrow transplant as the only option.

“The National Registry is like 9 million people,” Jennifer Naranjo said. “There was actually one match and it was an 18-year-old Hispanic male.”

However, the potential donor decided to withdraw from the registry.

The National Bone Marrow Donor Registry just hit the 10-million-members mark, Elizondo said. Caucasians make up 74 percent of the registry, Hispanics make up 10 percent and people of mixed race, 4 percent. With Nolan being both Hispanic and Caucasian, any increase in donors would increase the chances for a match.

“Now, we’re on a mission working with Be the Match and our local volunteer group, Match Nolan, to do bone marrow donor registries. ... It would consist of people lining up, filling out applications and swabbing 10 seconds on each side of the cheek. It gets sent in, it goes on the



COURTESY PHOTO

Nolan Naranjo receives one of many platelet transfusions that he has undergone in the past year.

transplant,” said Nolan’s father, Bernardino Naranjo. “Next step was to put him under the ATG treatment. The third protocol is to do a transplant from an unrelated individual.”

As the first step in treatment, all of the family members were tested but none came

Smoke break

No immediate action on proposed smoking ban

By Joe Molina
COLLEGIAN EDITOR

A medical expert addressed the Brownsville City Commission last Tuesday on the hazards of secondhand smoke as the city proposes beefing up its ban on smoking in public places.

Dr. Philip Huang, medical director and health authority for the Austin/Travis County Health Department, quoted the surgeon general’s 2006 report, which concludes that secondhand smoking is a scientifically proven public health concern.

“There is international scientific consensus that secondhand smoke kills,” Huang said. “Secondhand

smoke, under typical conditions, smoke density and ventilation poses unacceptable risks to nonsmokers. It cannot be controlled to acceptable levels of risk by ventilation or air cleaning. There is no objective evidence to support the claim that a smoke-free ordinance will impose economic penalties on restaurants or bars.”

He suggested the smoking ban proposal be viewed like other health regulations in practice, such as food handlers washing their hands and food refrigeration.

The proposed amendment would extend the ban on smoking in public places to bars and sports arenas.

On Aug. 7, the commission tabled action on the second and final reading of the proposed ordinance amid opposition from many business owners.

“Quite frankly, there was a little bit of miscommunication that went on with regards with when [the proposed smoking ban workshop] was going to happen,” Brownsville Mayor

Tony Martinez told people packed into the City Commission chamber last Tuesday.

“Y’all know that we have a smoking ordinance right now,” Martinez said. “There was an additional ordinance that was proposed ... and I guess after that first meeting there was some public outcry.”

The mayor said his sense is that there needs to be a full public hearing so those who are for or against the amendment to ban smoking in public places can voice their opinion.

Martinez said he does not anticipate scheduling a workshop on the matter until October because of the city budget and other issues the commission must address first.

In regard to Huang’s presentation the mayor said: “I want you all to know that is not in any way showing whether I am for or against [the smoking ban proposal]. This is no endorsement one way or another.”



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Jennifer Naranjo and her 5-year-old-son, Nolan, who is battling against severe aplastic anemia.

registry,” Jennifer Naranjo said.

Nolan’s aunt has also helped the family by organizing multiple drives in efforts to find a match.

“Our strategy is to get as many possible public venues with the most traffic. ... The mass student population is who I would like to reach,” Bea Naranjo said.

To become part of the registry, one must be between the ages of 18 and 61 and 18- to 44-year-olds are 10 times more likely to be called.

“A lot of times people think ‘bone marrow’ and a lot of feelings of pain come up,” Elizondo said. “It’s really not the way people are thinking. The most common way to donate is through your blood.

It’s kind of very similar to a platelet or a plasma donation. You could be the one and only person in this entire world that can help save another’s life.”

The public can help Nolan during a blood drive and bone marrow registry scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in Cardenas Hall South 117.

Another bone marrow drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at the University of Texas-Pan American Library, 1201 W. University Dr. in Edinburg. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/MatchNolan or contact Elizondo at melissa.elizondo@bloodntissue.org.

OBITUARY

Juan Cano Gonzalez, Physical Plant employee

OFFICE OF NEWS AND INFORMATION

Juan Cano Gonzalez, a dedicated staff member of UTB/TSC’s Physical Plant, died Aug. 11 in Harlingen. He was 47.

“Juan will be remembered as a very joyful, responsible and caring man,” said Luis Ledezma, the Physical Plant’s general maintenance crew leader. “He was enthusiastic in his work and he was a wonderful friend and co-worker to all of us in Physical Plant.”

Mr. Gonzalez started at the university in 1998 as a part-time employee with the Grounds Department. After a two-year break, when he worked elsewhere, he returned to become a member of the construction crew and became a full-time employee in 2008 with the Painting Department.

He also volunteered with the Brownsville Opportunity Youth Soccer Association soccer club at Oliveira Park as a field marshal.

“Juan has left an empty space in our hearts and we



Juan Cano Gonzalez

[will] always remember him,” Ledezma said. “He will be missed but not forgotten.”

Visitation and a prayer service for Mr. Gonzalez were held Aug. 14 at Funeraria Del Angel Buena Vista, 125 McDavitt Blvd. in Brownsville. A chapel service was held Aug. 15 at the funeral home, followed by interment at Buena Vista Burial Park.

A guestbook is available for signing and messages to Mr. Gonzalez’s family at funerariadelangelbuenavista.com.

FALL 2012 WELCOME WEEKS CALENDAR

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Aug. 20</p> <p>BUY A PARKING PERMIT</p> <p>utb.edu/parking</p>	<p>Aug. 21</p> <p>BUY TEXTBOOKS AT THE BOOKSTORE</p> <p>utb.bncollege.com</p>	<p>Aug. 22</p> <p>DOWNLOAD THE UTB AND TSC MOBILE APP</p> <p>utb.edu/mobile</p>	<p>Aug. 23</p> <p>WORKOUT AT THE REK CENTER</p> <p>utb.edu/campusrec</p>	<p>Aug. 24</p> <p>SOCIAL MEDIA SEARCH</p> <p>LIKE Student Life at facebook.com/utbstudentlife</p> <p>FOLLOW Student Life at twitter.com/utbstudentlife</p> <p>WATCH Student Life at youtube.com/utbstudentlife</p>	<p>Aug. 25</p> <p>MOVE-IN DAY</p> <p>8 a.m.</p> <p>Casa Bella</p> <p>ALUMNI ASSOCIATION END OF SUMMER BASH</p> <p>10 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Clayton's Beach Resort at South Padre Island</p> <p>Admission: \$10</p>
<p>Aug. 27</p> <p>FIRST CLASS DAY</p> <p>INFORMATION STATIONS</p> <p>9 a.m. to noon and 5–7 p.m.</p> <p>Various locations</p>	<p>Aug. 28</p> <p>INFORMATION STATIONS</p> <p>9 a.m. to noon and 5–7 p.m.</p> <p>Various locations</p> <p>ENDOWMENT LUNCHEON</p> <p>(by invitation)</p> <p>11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Student Union, El Gran Salón</p>	<p>Aug. 29</p> <p>STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR</p> <p>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Student Union Lawn</p> <p>SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Noon to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Student Union Game Room</p>	<p>Aug. 30</p> <p>FRESHMEN CONVOCATION</p> <p>3 p.m. • The Arts Center</p> <p>FRESHMEN MIXER</p> <p>4 p.m.</p> <p>The Arts Center Lawn</p> <p>BUILDING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY CULTURE</p> <p>7 p.m.</p> <p>Science, Engineering and Technology Building</p>	<p>Aug. 31</p> <p>COLLEGE COLORS DAY</p> <p>Wear your school colors!</p> <p>ORANGE WELL</p> <p>(Free food and giveaways)</p> <p>5-7 p.m.</p> <p>SETB Lecture Hall</p> <p>ORANGE CRUSH</p> <p>(Music concert, comedian, food and giveaways)</p> <p>7 p.m. to midnight</p> <p>REK Center</p>	<p>Sept. 1</p> <p>HANGOUT WITH YOUR NEW FRIENDS</p>
<p>Sept. 3</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p> <p>[Campus closed]</p>	<p>Sept. 4</p> <p>TARDEADA</p> <p>5–7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Education and Business Complex Courtyard</p> <p>MAYAN DANCERS</p> <p>By Grupo Folklorico Tizatlan</p> <p>6:45–7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Education and Business Complex Courtyard</p>	<p>Sept. 5</p> <p>JOIN A CLUB DAY</p> <p>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>Student Union Lawn</p> <p>PHOTO BUTTONS AND BALLOONS WITH A TWIST</p> <p>10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>HALO REACH TOURNAMENT</p> <p>Noon</p> <p>Student Union Game Room</p>	<p>Sept. 6</p> <p>ROOT BEER PONG TOURNAMENT</p> <p>Noon</p> <p>Student Union Game Room</p>	<p>Sept. 7</p> <p>CAMPUS RECREATION 3 ON 3 INNER TUBE WATER POLO TOURNAMENT</p> <p>2 p.m.</p> <p>REK Center Pool</p>	<p>Sept. 8</p> <p>HIT THE BOOKS</p>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO CONTEST

The **Office of Student Life** will sponsor a **photo contest** during Welcome Week (today through Sept. 6) on **Instagram** to see who can take the most spirited picture. Student Life wants to see how students are enjoying their first week at UTB/TSC. Participants must upload their photos to Instagram, make sure they are public and mark them with **#utbwelcome** and **@utbstudentlife** and may enter as many photos as they like. Daily winners will receive a UTB/TSC Welcome Week prize and the first-prize winner will receive **\$100**. For more information, call Student Life at 882-5138.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR

UTB/TSC students are invited to the **Student Involvement Fair**, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday on the Student Union lawn. Students have the opportunity to meet with representatives from various departments and student organizations. There will be free food, music, and giveaways. For more information, call the **Office of Student Life** at 882-5138 or e-mail studentlife@utb.edu.

FRESHMAN CONVOCATION

All first-year students are invited to attend **Freshman Convocation** from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Arts Center. For more information, call 882-6771 or e-mail university.college@utb.edu.

‘VIBRANT COMMUNITY’

Guillermo “Gil” Penalosa, an internationally renowned livable city adviser and social marketing strategist, will present a lecture titled “Building a Vibrant Community Culture” at 7 p.m. Thursday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is free. Penalosa advises decision-makers and communities on how to create

vibrant and healthy cities for all--from 8- to 80-years-olds.

COLLEGE COLORS DAY

Wear burnt orange and navy on Friday for **College Colors Day**, a campaign to promote the traditions and spirit that make our college experience great. Show your school spirit and celebrate **UTB/TSC traditions** throughout the day.

UTB MASCOT UPDATE

The winning **mascot** for the **University of Texas at Brownsville** chosen by the campus community will be revealed at noon Friday in the Education and Business Complex courtyard. The finalists are the jaguarundi, the bull shark, the parrot and the vaquero. Free food, soft drinks and T-shirts will be given to those who attend.

FEEL THE (ORANGE) CRUSH

UTB/TSC students are invited to attend **Orange Crush** from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday in the REK Center. There will be free food, live music, a comedian/hypnotist, inflatable sports, a giant waterslide, Bongo Ball and more. Prizes such as T-shirts, water bottles and key chains will be awarded every 30 minutes beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call the **Office of Student Life** at 882-5138 or e-mail studentlife@utb.edu, like Student Life page at www.facebook.com/utbstudentlife or follow www.twitter.com/utbstudentlife.

LOOKING FOR DJ’S!

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to apply to become a **volunteer DJ** for **UTB Radio**. This is your chance to host your own radio show on www.utbradio.com and for your voice to be heard across the world! For more information, call UTB Radio at 882-5838.

MUSIC ACADEMY

The **UTB Music Academy** will offer music lessons for children and adults beginning

Sept. 5. For students ages 7 to 11, group guitar, violin, piano and choir classes are available. For adults, there are group classes in guitar, piano and violin. For information on private lessons for children and registration information, call 882-7702 or 882-7703 or e-mail music.academy@utb.edu.

FINISH AT UT-BROWNSVILLE

The **bachelor of multidisciplinary studies** is now a part of the **Finish@UT program** and has a variety of degree plans with a flexible schedule. Applicants who have completed the core curriculum or have earned a minimum of 60 credits can select the degree plan of their choice and combine them, creating their own specialized degree. In addition, participants have the option to select coursework from three other partner universities: the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of Texas at El Paso, and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. For more information, go to the website www.finishatut.org. The deadline is Sept. 25.

ACT PREP COURSES

The **Language Institute** will offer **ACT Prep Courses** from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 2 to 25, Nov. 6 to Dec. 6, Jan. 15 to Feb. 7, 2013; March 19 to April 11, May 14 to June 6 in ITEC Center D3A, Room 186. The cost of the course is \$300. This is a four-week preparation course offered before each of the National ACT Exams. For more information, call 882-4180.

--Compiled by

Kaila Contreras

If you would like to publicize your student organization or department news, call Kaila Contreras at 882-5143 or send her an e-mail at collegian@utb.edu. The deadline for the Sept. 3 issue is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between Aug. 9 and 10.

Thursday, Aug. 9

7:33 p.m.: A student’s vehicle was scratched while it was parked in the Education and Business Complex parking lot the day before.

Friday, Aug. 10

7:21 a.m.: A man reported that a woman was on top of a car hood yelling at a man inside. The man said the woman broke off a windshield wiper and was banging the front windshield with her fist. A Campus Police officer spoke with the man inside the vehicle and saw that he had scratches and dried blood on his face. The man told the officer that he and his girlfriend, the woman on top of the car, had been arguing. The woman was arrested on a charge of dating violence assault by the Brownsville Police Department.

2:27 p.m.: A UTB/TSC staff member reported that a man had called 11 times.

Saturday, Aug. 18

2:05 a.m.: A man was arrested on a charge of public intoxication after he was pulled over for not having his vehicle’s headlights on at International Boulevard. He was also cited for failure to display headlights and for having no insurance. A female passenger was cited for having an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

--Compiled by Samantha Ruiz

More chicken this fall
Officials still searching for food vendors but not a permanent one

By Samantha Ruiz

THE COLLEGIAN

Students will have the option to eat Chick-fil-A again this semester, as the restaurant has a contract with the university until October to sell inside the Student Union’s El Comedor, officials say.

The fast-food chain could renew its contract to serve for the rest of Fall 2012, but the university will not get another food vendor until January unless Chick-fil-A chooses to continue its service, said UTB Purchasing Director William Dodd.

Chick-fil-A was serving food during Summer Session I, but stopped due to slow business.

A request for proposal or RFP, should be going out in the next few weeks for restaurants wanting to serve food on campus, Dodd said.

An RFP is the official state document that outlines the regulations and rules to operate at a state agency. A potential food vendor would respond and their information would be reviewed by the university’s food board before being selected.

The university is looking for other vendors, but not a permanent food service vendor, mainly because the Student Union does not belong to UTB.

“At some point down the road TSC would have to participate in this process, or TSC will handle it, more than likely,” Dodd said.

Anyone who would want to serve food on campus permanently would want to make renovations to the El Comedor’s kitchen, which is currently inoperable, and that would have to be a 10-year relationship, he said.

The kitchen is one of the sticking points that prevent food vendors from coming.

Dodd said a vendor would have to invest an estimated half-million dollars



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The café by the University Boulevard Library sells sandwiches, snacks and beverages.

to renovate the kitchen.

Prospective vendors often ask the university to pay the full amount or meet them halfway.

If the kitchen hasn’t scared them away, vendors also choose not to serve here due to limited service.

Restaurants want to minimize their risks of losing their investments, and many have asked for meal plans to ensure that a certain number of students will eat at their restaurant on a given day, Stoves said. The university cannot guarantee that.

Many restaurants service six to seven days a week; however, on campus, a vendor would only be able to operate Monday through Friday.

“They have to make their money in eight months,” Stoves said.

There are many periods of time when no one is here, Dodd said.

Currently, there are no potential food vendors besides Chick-fil-A.

An RFP will be posted in a few weeks on the State of Texas website and advertised in the Brownsville Herald, Dodd said.

Vendors would have to attend a pre-bid meeting, respond to the RFP and present their proposal, which would be reviewed by the food board.

The food board consists of
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Migrant program receives \$2.1M

5-year federal funding to provide college assistance to first-year students

By Eréndira Santillana

THE COLLEGIAN

The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) at UTB/TSC has received more than \$2 million to continue its services for another five years.

“We were notified that we were going to be refunded on June 20,” CAMP Program Director Noel Rodríguez said. “Forty [universities] throughout the nation turned in an application for refunding and only nine got selected.”

CAMP is funded by the U.S. Education Department’s Office of Migrant Education every five years. It is one of 42 CAMP programs in the country and six in Texas. The



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María del Carmen González (from left), a learning instructional specialist, Cristina Escalón, freshman psychology major and CAMP student and Noel Rodríguez, program director for the College Assistance Migrant Program stand outside the department office in Cardenas Hall North. CAMP offers aid to migrant students and their immediate family.

funding totals \$2,124,780 for the next five years, or \$424,956 yearly, according to Rodríguez.

The program became part of UTB/TSC in 2002 with the purpose of serving migrant and seasonal farmworker students or immediate family

members of farmers in the completion of their first year of post-secondary education.

Rodríguez said the program assists a challenging population with its transition to college. Many migrant students begin
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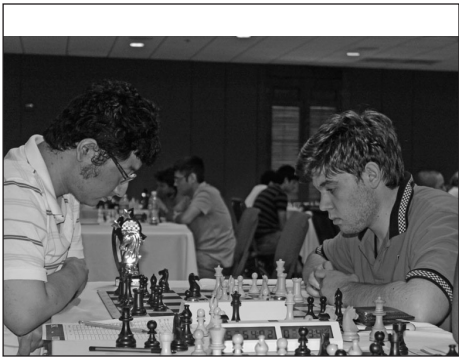
Chess, everyone

By Michelangelo Sosa
Webcast Editor

Three people tied for first place in the “Open Section” and a sixth-grader garnered first place in the “Under 2000” category during the UTB/TSC Chess Team’s first Summer Classic Chess Tournament. Eighty people--from kindergarteners to adults, from unrated chess players to grand masters--competed in the

tournament held Aug. 18 and 19 in the Student Union’s Gran Salon. First-place winners in the Open Section were Grand Master Axel Bachmann, a senior international business major, and International Masters Max Cornejo, a senior international business major, and graduate student Alfonso Almeida. In the “Under 2000” section, sixth-grader Priya Trakru placed first. “It takes a lot of skill and dedication, and [chess team competitors] study their opponent’s moves and style of playing,” said Benjamin Gutierrez, a UTB/TSC alumnus and competitor in the tournament. “It’s a very intensive process and requires a

lot of focus to do what they do.” For most competitions the chess players find out who they will be playing and look at their opponents’ past games, studying them individually in a chess database that stores all of the players’ past games. In order to train to beat their opponents, they choose to first know who he or she is. Bachmann and Cornejo came up with the idea of the community tournament to help promote the UTB/TSC Chess Team, said Douglas Stoves, director of Residential Life and Housing. Stoves, former chess team member Erick Vallarino and Victor Flores, a Brownsville Independent School District teacher and local tournament director organized the event.



Michelle Espinoza/COLLEGIAN

Ju Hyung Ahn and Jeffrey Serna compete in the UTB/TSC Summer Classic Chess Tournament, held Aug. 18 and 19 in the Student Union’s Gran Salon.

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Romney ceded much of the spring and early summer to those organizations--Restore Our Future, an independent group formed by former staffers, and to American Crossroads and Crossroads GPS, which are tied to former President George W. Bush’s longtime political counselor Karl Rove. The groups have run ads hammering Obama on the economy, the stimulus plan and the health care overhaul. Romney’s campaign has ramped up more recently, airing ads that mostly criticize Obama rather than promoting the GOP presidential hopeful. Romney’s campaign received a big assist earlier this month from Americans For Prosperity, an independent group backed

by the billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch, which launched a \$25 million ad campaign featuring voters who supported Obama in 2008 but plan to vote against him this time. No state has seen more advertising than Ohio, where Obama and Republicans have spent nearly \$100 million to date. Florida places a close second, while Virginia is third. Wilner said that despite the Republican cash advantage going into the fall, the level of ad saturation in the battleground states thus far may make it difficult for Romney and his allies to gain significant new traction. “For Obama, summertime may have proven to be a better time to get a message across than in the fall. Republicans are hoping sheer tonnage of ads will be enough to convince voters not to give another term,” Wilner said.

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that will come from the UTB/TSC partnership and we look forward to looking at the candidates that apply for the positions. I will tell you that we have had some wonderful results, interest in our positions, and we are actually getting them from across the state. I’m not sure if we have had anybody out of the state of Texas. I do remember that they are coming in from all over the state of Texas, which is wonderful.” Tercero said that the positions have been advertised in the local newspaper, on some community college websites and through state and national associations. The start date for the administrative positions would be no later than October, she said. “My hope is October 1. ... We’re going to start evaluating the applications that have come in, and then we’ll start selecting for interviews, and then we’ll, hopefully, find a strong

candidate, make an offer, and then they’ll have to ... give a couple of weeks’ notice to their employers and then they’ll come on board. So that’s why I’m thinking in October.” Regarding published reports that the land under UTB’s Education and Business Complex was never transferred from TSC to the university, Tercero said: “There really hasn’t been any change as to what has been happening over the many years that the partnership has been in place; it’s just one other piece that we still are working on as part of the real estate negotiations. From my perspective, it’s one more time that we will need to look into and address and we will. We will address it in the very near future.”

The Collegian attempted to interview UT-Brownsville officials for comment on the status of the transition, but President Juliet V. García and Provost Alan Artibise were not available. Neither was Michael Putegnat, UT System’s executive director for South Texas Academic Programs.

LETTER

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smoking are and the serious health issues they can cause--including death. We should all be looking to her and listening to her advice to make an informed, educated, wise and progressive decision on behalf of the close to 200,000 residents that call Brownsville home. I am not a smoker, never have been, but when I go to restaurants and bars in Brownsville, which make up 51 percent of their revenue from alcohol sales, I notice the following day that my shirts and jeans smell funky. I have experienced the difference. I also have a residence in Washington, D.C., where I conduct work in the U.S. House of Representatives. When I go to restaurants and bars there, in our nation’s capital, I never have to worry about a funky smell on my

clothes or jeans. Why have other cities, including El Paso, adopted measures against smoking in public places, but Brownsville is again behind the curve? It’s time for the city commission to be responsible to the people it represents, who will benefit greatly from this ordinance, rather than a select few who only show up to city commission meetings to make loud noise over issues that are not health related. I have taken some time off from my work in Washington, D.C., to spend time with my family in Texas. I am more than happy to coordinate a public awareness campaign regarding this issue and invite each of you to join me. My cell phone number is 459-2415 and my e-mail is jb@joseborjon.com. I implore you to do the right thing and vote in favor of this ordinance.

Jose Borjon

Behind the camera

UTB alumnus on set in Hollywood film

Marlane Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

Along with the excitement and glamour spurred by actor Robert Duvall’s production of his new film, “A Night in Old Mexico,” came great opportunity for 24-year-old Brownsville resident Michael Peña, the video assistant technician for the movie. Peña, who holds a bachelor’s and a master’s of business administration from UTB/TSC, is working in the camera department for the feature that was filmed in Brownsville this summer. “That’s where I am stationed at, so my job is to take care of the video monitor set up for the writer. I take care of an area called a video village, which is specified for the director,” he said. His job description also includes cable wrangling and recording playbacks for the directors 12 hours a day, six days a week. The UTB/TSC alumnus was interviewed and hired by Executive Producer Chris Bates, who has worked in the film business for 17 years. Peña said several factors were key to getting hired. “I kind of got lucky,” he said. “A friend named Esteban Medrano was office production assistant and they asked him if he knew anybody, and he called me up and said, ‘hey, they’re looking for a production assistant for the movie.’” Medrano, a film graduate student at the University of North Texas and a production assistant for the film, recommended Peña to the executive producer. “He’s a good friend of mine, he has an interest in film like I do,” Medrano said. “He was the first choice for me.” Peña said he was also helped by Enrique Leal, a producer for Rio Bravo Productions in McAllen. “He is one of the first who notified me about the job to begin with,” Peña said. Leal sent an e-mail to a select group of candidates who he



COURTESY PHOTO

UTB/TSC graduate Michael Peña on the set of “A Night in Old Mexico.”

thought would be right for the job. “I knew that he was very mature, I knew that he was hungry to do it,” Leal said of Peña. “He was ambitious, and that’s exactly what you need to work in the film industry. It’s a combination of someone who is mature, ambitious and educated, and Michael fit that profile.” Filming was scheduled to be completed on Aug. 20. Peña, who is looking into a career in film, has a potential job offering for a production company. “I thank God for this opportunity. It’s something that I’ve always been interested in.” Before “A Night in Old Mexico,” he assisted in the filming of a documentary for Higher Ground Entertainment. Peña said he also gained experience as the webcast editor for The Collegian. “I always liked the creation of film,” he said. “It has always captivated me, how you can turn so many different pictures into amazing stories, putting everything together, the angles and the shots. It has always just amazed me.” The Fall 2011 graduate said he has had several opportunities to live his dream and he is taking advantage of them. “One, I’m thankful for God. He has helped me through everything I’ve gone through in life, and [for] my parents [who] have always motivated me,” Peña said. “So many people, even my family members, have laughed at the idea of me going for film, and now here I am chasing my dream.” When Peña is not chasing his dreams, he enjoys spending time with his girlfriend and her son, watching movies and attending Brownsville Community Fellowship Church on Sundays. Peña said he would tell those who aspire to a career in film “to never give up, and always keep going in life.” “It’s not going to happen right away, it’s going to take time, but if you truly want it, it can be achieved,” he said.

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school late--in October--because they're working in the fields, and are taken out of school in March to go work in Florida, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Washington at the beginning of the season. CAMP serves 45 first-time freshmen each academic year with such services as academic advising, peer mentoring, peer tutoring, 20 student housing scholarships for those who live out of Brownsville, tuition reduction scholarships, a book loan program, academic and enrichment workshops, a laptop computer loan program, cultural educational events,

monthly academic meetings, etc., according to its website, <http://www.utb.edu/sa/camp/Pages/default.aspx>. "[The enrollment status] can go above 45 but definitely no less than 45," Rodriguez said. In the next five years, the department will serve more than 200 students. Once accepted, CAMP members receive \$100 a month if they meet the requirements and participate, such as attending a monthly meeting with the program director, weekly meetings with their advisers and mentors and submitting progress reports before and after midterm exams. "Right now, we are in the process of accepting students

for this academic year 2012-2013," said CAMP's Learning Instructional Specialist María del Carmen González. So far, 32 students have signed up for the program, González said. To be eligible, one must be a migrant or seasonal farmworker, or an immediate family member of a migrant, participate or be eligible for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and in the Migrant Education Program (MEP), a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, have a high school diploma or GED, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, and enroll as a full-time student at UTB/TSC. Most CAMP participants qualify for the Pell Grant,

but "low income isn't a requirement," Rodriguez said. Students may apply regardless of having previous dual enrollment credits and financial aid status. Besides its participants, this program has 10 alumni volunteers, all of them ex-participants. The overall GPA for CAMP members for the 2011-2012 academic year ranged between 2.0 and 2.2, and the graduation rate for 2010-2011 was 22 percent. However, last year, three participants made the President's List and two were on the Dean's List. Those who made the President's List were Felix Elizalde, Priscilla Moctezuma, and Alejandra Flores, who also won the

Provost's Essay Contest. On the Dean's List were Fabiola Torres and Hector Pedraza. Former CAMP member Christina Escalón, a freshman psychology major, suggests new members "study hard, try to be good students and always come to your mentoring and tutoring sessions and just try your best." Asked if CAMP helped her improve her GPA and course completion rate, Escalón replied, "Yes, absolutely." She described the department's staff as "very, very encouraging and always trying to help you to do better." The CAMP office is located in Cardenas Hall North 103. For more information about the program, call 882-7871.

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at information tables throughout campus today and Tuesday to help students find their classes and to answer other questions they may have. The Student Involvement Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday on the Student Union Lawn. At noon Wednesday, drop by the Student Union Game Room for a free sundae. Freshman Convocation takes place at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Arts Center, followed by the Freshman Mixer at 4 p.m. on the Arts Center lawn. Student Health Services will host Orange Well from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. The event will feature free food and giveaways. "Orange Crush is our signature event for Welcome Week and has been very successful," Martinez said of the event scheduled from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday. "It takes place at the REK Center and we take advantage of the space for inflatables, concerts, free food. It's a great way to start the semester to meet with your friends and hang out in the evening on campus."

Students can also tweet about their experience during Welcome Week on Twitter @utbstudentlife. Student Life will host a photo contest, seeking the picture that shows the most spirit. Just upload your pictures (make sure the picture is public) to Instagram at #utbwelcome @utbstudentlife. The University of Texas at Brownsville's mascot will be unveiled at noon Aug. 30 in the Education and Business Complex courtyard. The finalists are the ocelot, bull shark, parrot, jaguarundi and vaquero. Freshman mathematics major Juan Jose Villela said he is looking forward to Welcome Week and hopes to get advice on how to survive college. "I expect new friendships and tips from other students about how to handle your classes," Villela said. "It's a new environment from high school to college, and I think it's a big opportunity for [freshmen] to start a new chapter, so it should be fun."

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of university faculty, staff and students who have yet to be appointed, Stoves said. Delicious Desserts, which sells lunch plates, sandwiches, snacks and soft drinks in the café outside the University Boulevard Library will

continue to sell food as well. Delicious Desserts is on a month-to-month contract, Dodd said. Chick-fil-A's return this semester has some students happy, while others are not so happy. Maggie Alcantar, a sophomore biology major, didn't like Chick-fil-A before,

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Joe is using his computer and smart phone, both of which are capable of making more calculations and holding more memory than the human brain can hope to have, to post memes on Facebook, *9gag* and *reddit*. If there isn't a single bit of advanced technology that does not rely on a half-century old technique, it appears that we have become complacent

and comfortable with the old and familiar and have lost the spirit of curiosity and adventure of exploring the new and the unknown. People before us imagined an age more advanced and more innovative, but it seems as though the human race has hit a wall and replaced its age-old curious spirit with the next *loldivision's* "duck face." The 1 percent relies on the 99 percent's obstinate belief that we should be helped,

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avoid such scheduling hassles, Caballero said such advice would be difficult to offer

because it's not a student matter. "Technically, it's the registration system that is at fault," she said. "They give those courses, they claim they are available and then they cancel them a week before."

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weight gain is to be aware it can happen and to have exercise instilled in your schedule. "Just walking across campus if you do it a fast pace instead of a slow pace, you can burn some calories," she said. "Take the stairwell, that's going to use more calories. ... Parking as far away as you can and walking that distance briskly can burn more calories." Hayes, who also serves as a nurse practitioner for Student Health Services, recommends eating low-calorie foods. "We want to have the vegetables and lean meat, nothing that has a lot of fat in it, and decreasing the amount of floured products that one person eats, that could be flour tortillas, bread and pasta," she said. "If you have extra pounds to lose, stay away from those." Because they are rich in vitamins, Hayes said students should add green, red and

and doesn't like them now due to the corporation's issues with the gay community. "I'm not going to support them, and I'm not going to eat there," Alcantar said. "I'd like to see Subway, that's [healthier] for the students." James Unwin is happy with Chick-fil-A's service compared to the previous vendor.

The junior psychology major said he understands Chick-fil-A has to charge more on campus than at its other restaurants because of transportation costs, but would also like to see Subway on campus. "Subway seems like a very simple choice that works out well enough," Unwin said.

not that we should work our way up the social ladder as honest men. People don't like taking risks anymore, and the corporations that have made up the social ladder have indeed lost the spirit of discovery. If the biggest achievement we have earned is landing a ton of metal onto Mars, then I'd say our future looks bleak. Humanity, in all of its phenomenal godlike power, has yet to find an alternative fuel, land a man on Mars, or strive

to reach its fullest potential. Instead, most of us have allowed for our biggest problems to become Chick-fil-A's corporate opinions on marriage and the life of Justin Bieber. To call this era "advanced" is a joke. It's time to do away with comfortable, easy, familiar and focus on doing something that we can truly call phenomenal. This world will survive with failure or without it; all you need to do is what you want and lose yourself in it.

Dierlam said that students deliberately choose courses to fit their work and school schedules. "It's important to be vigilant and always be checking," she said, "making sure that all your

classes are available all the time. We shouldn't have to be doing that. We are worrying about so many other things like paying tuition and finding the right books. College life, I guess."

through food preparation." Another living and learning community program the student housing complex will offer is "Lesson Intended for Everyone." LIFE will include an element on how to prepare foods well. "[Resident assistants] will put on independent programs to try to help students on how to prepare their meals," Stoves said. The director said students should not always eat food out of a box. "Take the time and cook a meal for yourself; if you don't know [how,] that's why we're here," he said. Annette Livas, assistant director of Campus Recreation, said it is time for students to start paying attention to how active they are. "College is the perfect time to start building lifestyle habits, so for any freshman I would say this is your entry into adulthood, so start creating healthy habits," Livas said. "The REK Center exists on

college campuses because studies prove that should you come and participate in our healthy activities, you will be a more active citizen, you will graduate earlier and become more successful." She said students don't need to exercise for hours each day, but 20 to 30 minutes a day for most days of the week. "The big thing is that physical activity or exercise needs to be a habit," Livas said. "Decide what is fun for you, what you like to do. If you want to come in and play racquetball five times a week, then fantastic." The REK Center will offer about 24 group fitness classes throughout the semester, she said. Sophomore psychology major Vanessa Gracia's teaches belly dance and Zumba classes at the REK Center. Gracia said Zumba classes will be conducted at 1 p.m. Mondays and belly dance at 3 p.m., both in the multipurpose room of the facility.

UTB/TSC soccer reloads

Men's and women's teams prepare for 2012 conference play



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

Scorpion midfielder Abigail Perez (from left), defender Emily Husband and midfielder Fernanda Baenz take part in an intrasquad scrimmage Aug. 15 on the UTB/TSC Soccer Field. Navy blue won 9-3.

By Dennis Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR

The UTB/TSC Men's Soccer Team plays its first road game of the 2012 season on Friday against Oklahoma City University.

Asked what his expectations are for the season, Coach Dan Balaguero replied: "To do a little better than the previous year. Obviously, we want to win the conference. ... We'll reassess things after that, but that's our No. 1 focus, to win conference."

The team played its first game of the season against Embry Riddle University on Sunday. Results were not available at press time.

Among the new players on the team are Leonardo Medeiros, a striker from Brazil, and three new goalkeepers: Ben Perez, Sam Butler, and Jose Treviño.

"They've all looked very good in practice," Balaguero said. "Back from Ireland, [defender] Dillon Gaffney is showing well."

Five starters are returning this year: Jose Galvan of San Benito; Nestor Morales of Brownsville; Victor Parreiras of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Robin Ejdeholm of Boras, Sweden.

Asked about the rivals UTB/TSC will face this season, the coach replied: "Huston-Tillotson [University] is the main one. We always battle them to win the conference."

Eighteen games will be played this season, of which 11 are conference and seven non-conference.

Last year, the UTB/TSC made it to the first round of the national tournament.

Women's Soccer

As the UTB/TSC Women's Soccer Team prepares for its upcoming 16-game season, players hope to improve on last year's berth in the NAIA national tournament.

"We have high expectations every single year," Coach Nik Barjaktarevic

said. "This is our sixth year, we're not a young team anymore. One of the big goals is to win the national championship. I'm sure that every single team that plays has this goal. I think for us, it's realistic. We have a lot of small goals that we set as a team, and they will, hopefully, guide us to this goal. ... If you manage to do those well, hopefully, the national championship will take care of itself."

The women's soccer team has won the Red River Athletic Conference title for the last three years.

Barjaktarevic said he has 12 new players and 15 returning players, including captain Isadora Freitas, a midfielder, and forward Leah Russell. During the summer, both participated in the W-League. Freitas played in Florida and Russell in California.

UTB/TSC played a scrimmage against Dynamo Coastal Bend Academy at home last Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

On Friday, they will begin a five-game road trip against three teams, two of which are ranked in the top 15 nationally—No. 11, Oklahoma City University, and No. 6, Baker University. They will finish the trip at Missouri Valley College.

Asked about the competition in the RRAC, Barjaktarevic said UTB/TSC has developed a great rivalry with San Antonio's Our Lady of the Lake University.

"They have a lot of players from the [Rio Grande] Valley," he said. "They are always competitive. It's always a great game, no matter if we play here or we play in San Antonio."

Other big rivals are Northwood University and Texas Wesleyan University, Barjaktarevic said.

Asked what it will take to win nationals, the coach replied: "Getting to the national tournament will take everyone bringing something extraordinary [to the game]."

UTB/TSC edges Alumni 4-3

Men's soccer season gets under way

By Dennis Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR

Fans stayed at the edge of their seats Aug. 19 as the UTB/TSC Men's Soccer Team battled against the Alumni and barely escaped defeat in a highly competitive game.

Midfielder Jose Galvan of the current team and alumnus Mario Perez each scored goals in the first half.

After a 1-1 halftime score, Perez and fellow alumnus Ricky Rodriguez each made it past the goalkeeper. Later in the half, the UTB/TSC team came back on the goal of midfielder Jair Reyna in the 57th minute. Galvan and midfielder Fabio Santos each scored in the 82nd minute.

"The new guys take it serious," said Juan

Gamboa, a former UTB/TSC goalkeeper who was on the team from 2007 to 2010. "We were conference champions all four years. Some time with the old teammates is always fun, also. [It's] fun to play against the new guys. It's always fun to come out and play and relive our years at UTB. It was a good game."

Fellow Alumni teammate Ous Senghore felt the same way.

"Good game, good football played," said Senghore, who last played as a defender for UTB/TSC in 2011. "[It's] good when you have a chance to play."

Coach Dan Balaguero said of his team: "In the first half, we played OK. We found a way to win. [Alumni] scored a great goal; Mario changed the game."



GABRIELA CAVAZOS/COLLEGIAN

Alumni goalie Ruben Chipuli Hernandez deflects a goal attempt by the UTB/TSC Men's Soccer Team during the Aug. 19 game on the Scorpion Soccer Field.

Athlete of the week



UTB/TSC ATHLETICS

Name: Emily Husband
Classification: Senior
Major: Kinesiology
Sport: Soccer/defender

Who is your favorite soccer player? The late William John “Billy” Bremner, midfielder for the Leeds United team and a member of the English Football Hall of Fame. “He was very, very inspirational, always a hard worker. I always strive to be like him.”

Favorite athlete: Jessica Ennis, the current Olympic heptathlon champion.

What types of books do you like to read? “I like reading about soccer. My life seems to be based around soccer. I’ve read Mia Hamm’s autobiography [‘Go for the Goal: A Champion’s Guide to Winning in Soccer and Life.’”

Who is your role model? “I have always looked up to my family. They have always been there for me and they have helped me every step of the way. ... My dad’s played football his whole life. He played as long as he could possibly carry on. He was a defender, as well. I used to go watch him as a kid. I used to love it because he used to make me so proud. And now, I feel like the roles have reversed. So, I like to try and obviously play my best when he’s here to watch me and try and make him proud, too.”

What do you do for fun? “I like spending a lot of time with friends and family. I also like traveling.”

What are your goals for the season? “Obviously, the big one to become national champions. With the team that we’ve currently got, I’m very confident. We’ve got an absolutely brilliant bunch of girls and we’ve got some really good incoming players—freshmen, transfers—they’re all really good. ... I think if we put it all together, I think we could really do well this year.”

--Compiled by Dennis Ortiz

SPORTS

Volleyball team works to repeat

Defending national champs hit the gym

By Dennis Ortiz
SPORTS EDITOR



TODD LOWERY has high expectations coming off last year’s NAIA national championship victory. The volleyball team defeated California’s Concordia University in the NAIA National Championship Tournament Dec. 3 in Sioux City, Iowa.

“Most of our starters are back,” Lowery said. “We have three or four positions to fill, but I have a great group of incoming freshmen, so our goals are basically the same as they were last year and that was to compete for a national title, compete to win the Red River Athletic Conference.”

Asked if he is going to change

his training to give his team an advantage this season, he replied: “I think the biggest advantage early on is ... we had a number of kids that stayed and went to summer school ... not necessarily practicing but we had a better eye on them, as far as their workouts go. Staying in contact with the ball ... and after the first two days [of practice] here, so far, you can see the difference between those kids who were here all summer and the ones that went home. So, I think we’re ahead of the game a little bit.”

Among those returning are All-Americans Ana Guerra, a middle blocker, and Danica Markovic, an outside hitter. Both are juniors.

“We just expect those two to continue to grow and ... step into the leadership role of our team,” Lowery said, adding that Guerra and Markovic will serve as the team’s co-captains. “Setting the tone for those 4 incoming freshmen will be the key.”

Also back is Honorable Mention All-American Paula

Barros, a libero.

The team will play 28 regular season games, five of which will be conference games. On Friday, UTB/TSC will be in Daytona, Fla., for the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Labor Day Tournament. They will compete against Lawrence Technological University, Embry Riddle, Madonna University and Olivet Nazarene University beginning at 2 p.m. Friday.

Lowery said UTB/TSC’s biggest rivals this season will be Concordia University, which the team will face off against later in the year, and Wiley College.

“They are probably the second-best team in the conference and have challenged us in the last couple of years,” he said.

Asked what it will take to repeat the national title, Lowery replied: “We have a long ways to go, just a lot of hard work again and getting the new girls familiar with the system and just having a good group effort again.”



MICHELLE ESPINOZA/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC’s defending NAIA Volleyball National Championship team practices Aug. 14 in the Manuel B. Garza Gym for the upcoming season. The team will face off against several teams beginning this Friday at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Labor Day Tournament in Daytona, Fla.

Para cumplir el sueño, hay que conocer las reglas

Programa de Acción Diferida beneficiaría a 1.4 millones de inmigrantes

Por Viridiana Zúñiga

EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

Después de 20 años de haber llegado al país que considera su “único hogar” y de haberle servido durante dos años en el ejército, “José” refuerza su esperanza de vivir y trabajar en él legalmente con el Proceso de Acción Diferida.

“Es increíble que todos estos años haya sentido que pertenezco a un lugar que no me pertenece”, dijo “José”, cuyo nombre ha sido cambiado por motivos de seguridad. “No puedo dejar de imaginar mi vida si me aceptan; todo cambiaría y ahora sí podría salir a trabajar sabiendo que lo que hago por el país está siendo valorado”.

José es uno de los más de 1.4 millones de jóvenes que podrán beneficiarse con el Proceso de Acción Diferida del presidente Obama.

“Este programa pretende que, durante un período de dos años, una vez que sean aprobados, los estudiantes puedan seguir estudiando en Estados Unidos”, dijo Sergio Jacobo, cónsul adscrito del Consulado de México en Brownsville. “Adicionalmente, podrán obtener un permiso de trabajo para que puedan, de esta manera, solventar los gastos de sus estudios”.

El proceso se dio a conocer el 15 de junio por medio de la secretaria de Seguridad Nacional, Janet Napolitano, y podría beneficiar a jóvenes que entraron en los Estados Unidos siendo menores de 16 años.

Aquellos que cumplan con los requisitos de elegibilidad (listados abajo) podrán “recibir alivio contra la deportación o contra el inicio del proceso de deportación”, según la página web del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de Estados Unidos.

Sin embargo, se debe tener en cuenta que la acción diferida no garantiza un estatus migratorio permanente ni la ciudadanía.

“Las personas que pueden salir beneficiadas son todas aquellas que tengan entre 16 y 30 años de edad”, dijo Jacobo. “Nosotros, a través del consulado, hemos estado coordinando esta información a través de la representación consular y de los grupos y organizaciones comunitarias que hay en el Valle de Texas”.

Los elegibles podrán ser considerados para vivir en Estados Unidos durante dos años y tener la posibilidad de renovar el permiso; también se les permitirá solicitar una autorización de empleo.

Para aclarar varios aspectos sobre esta iniciativa, el director de la oficina de USCIS en Harlingen Juan Antonio López y el supervisor de la misma Jesse Méndez visitaron el campus el miércoles y proveyeron al público con información actualizada sobre el tema, respondiendo las dudas de varios de los asistentes.

Los requisitos de elegibilidad, según la página de Servicios de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de Estados Unidos (USCIS, por sus siglas en inglés), son los siguientes:

--haber nacido después del 15 de junio de 1981;

“Debe presentar evidencia de que nació después del 15 de junio de 1981”, dijo Méndez. “Los documentos que presente, como actas de nacimiento, deben ser traducidos al inglés”.

--haber ingresado a Estados Unidos a una edad menor de 16 años;

Para comprobarlo, puede presentar un pasaporte sellado con la fecha en la que ingresó al país, documentos de la escuela que prueben que estuvo asistiendo, archivos médicos, etc.

--haber residido continuamente en Estados Unidos por un período mínimo de cinco años antes del 15 de junio de 2007 y hasta ahora;

Puede presentar comprobantes

bancarios, registros de un automóvil, contratos de renta o hipoteca, pólizas de seguro, membresías del gimnasio y los documentos establecidos en el siguiente requisito.

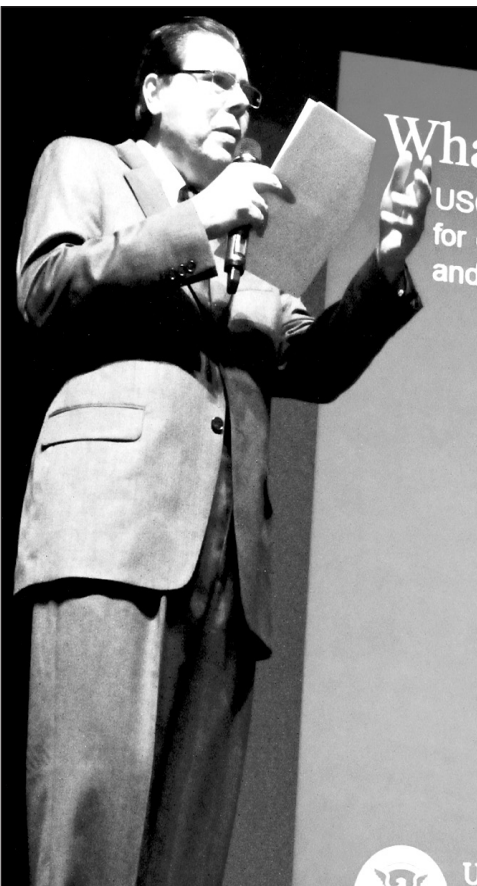
“Si una persona sale del país brevemente dentro de estos cinco años, no será perjudicada ni descalificada siempre y cuando demuestre que su salida fue breve, por ejemplo que salió un fin de semana o fue a un funeral”, dijo Méndez. “Pero si las salidas son recurrentes, como irse cuando termina el ciclo escolar por tres meses, sí le afectará”.

Para demostrar que su salida fue breve, puede mostrar boletos de avión, de autobús, la invitación de una boda o cumpleaños, etc., así como una carta jurada (*affidavit*) de su rentero o de alguien que asegure la brevedad de su salida.

--haber estado presente en este país el 15 de junio de 2012 y estar en Estados Unidos al momento de presentar la solicitud de acción diferida;

Para este requisito puede presentar recibos de renta o utilidades, documentos del trabajo (forma W-2, por ejemplo), archivos escolares (como reportes escolares o cartas de la institución), archivos militares (como la forma DD-214), documentos oficiales de una entidad religiosa que comprueben su participación en alguna ceremonia. También puede presentar una carta jurada de alguien que asegure que estuvo en el país en esta fecha.

“Al momento de presentar la solicitud a la oficina de USCIS, el interesado debe tener mínimo 15 años”, dijo Méndez. “Si no es así, la solicitud se puede hacer, pero no a través de nosotros; además, el padre o tutor debe firmar en nombre del solicitante”.

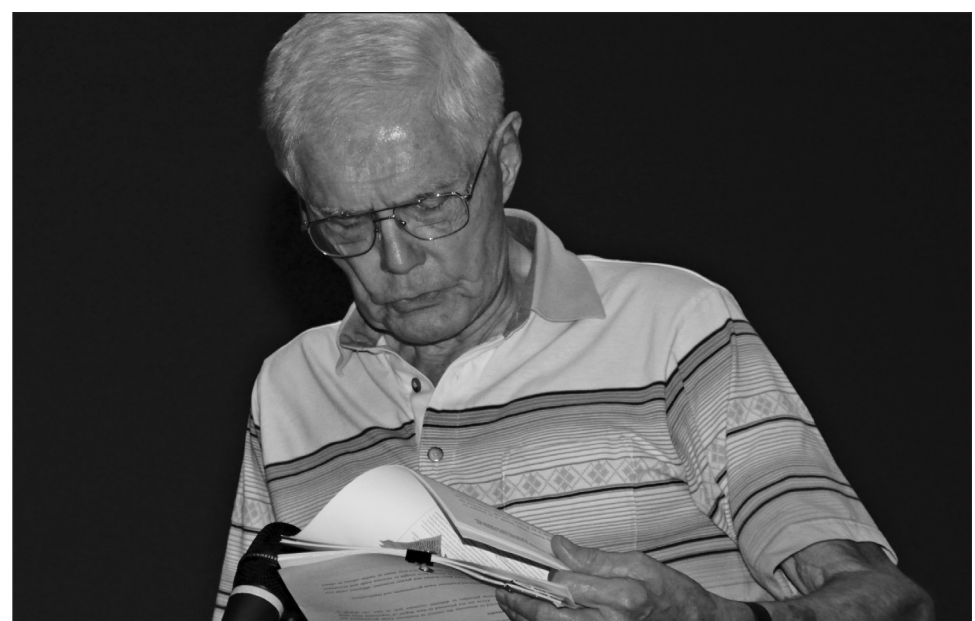


Juan Antonio López, director de la oficina de USCIS en Harlingen, explica a la audiencia el procedimiento que deben seguir para solicitar la acción diferida en el Arts Center de UTB el pasado miércoles.

--haber entrado a Estados Unidos de manera indocumentada antes del 15 de junio de 2012 o que su estatus migratorio legal haya expirado antes del 15 de junio de 2012;

“Los solicitantes deben carecer de estatus legal para calificar”, dijo Méndez. “Si tienen una visa de estudiante o de turista vigente, esta iniciativa no aplica para ellos”.

Los documentos necesarios son algunas de las formas I-94, I-95, I-94W



MIGUEL ANGEL ROBERTS/FOTOS COLLEGIAN

Joe Krause, residente de Brownsville, participa durante la sección de preguntas y respuestas abierta al público durante la sesión de USCIS.

expiradas, orden de deportación, etc.

--estar estudiando, haberse graduado de una institución de educación preparatoria (high school), haber obtenido un certificado de General Education Development (GED) o haber concluido satisfactoriamente un período de servicio en la Guardia Costera o en las Fuerzas Armadas de Estados Unidos;

Puede mostrar expedientes académicos (*transcripts*), título de la preparatoria o su equivalente (G.E.D.). También archivos militares de personal o de salud, la forma DD-214, NGB forma 22, archivos de servicio, etc.

--no haber sido condenado por un delito grave, por un delito menor significativo, por varios delitos menores, ni ser considerado una amenaza para la seguridad nacional o la seguridad pública de Estados Unidos.

“Un ejemplo de delito menor es violencia doméstica”, dijo Méndez. “Pero analizaremos todo caso por caso, no hay una regla general”.

En caso de que la persona esté detenida y crea que cumple con los requisitos, puede solicitar ser parte de esta iniciativa, pero no mediante la oficina de USCIS, sino notificando a los oficiales de la oficina de Inmigración y Aduanas (ICE) para que revisen su caso.

“En la página de internet pueden obtener no sólo las solicitudes sino que también las instrucciones de llenado”, dijo Méndez. “La página ofrece la opción de mostrarse en inglés o español”.

Ya que cuente con todos los documentos requeridos, debe llenar y presentar la forma I-821D junto con la forma I-765 de autorización de trabajo y la forma I-765WS para que su solicitud sea procesada. Estas formas deberán ser enviadas a la dirección que le corresponda junto con una cuota de \$465. Los oficiales recomendaron enviar sólo copias de los documentos, no los originales, a menos que les sea requerido.

Una vez que USCIS haya revisado y aprobado su solicitud, se le enviará una nota con una cita para tomar sus huellas digitales en Harlingen.

Puede ser que le requieran acudir a la oficina en persona para aclarar algunos aspectos de su solicitud.

“Esto no será necesariamente negativo”, dijo López. “Así que no deben preocuparse de más, pues seguramente será por falta de documentos”.

Después se le enviará una decisión definitiva. Si su solicitud fue aprobada, su estadía será legal durante dos años. La decisión será inapelable.

Los oficiales aseguraron que la información que los solicitantes provean será protegida a menos que representen un peligro a la sociedad.

Joe Krause, asistente de la sesión, preguntó a los oficiales qué pasará con los solicitantes si el candidato republicano a la presidencia, Mitt Romney, ganara las elecciones, a lo que ellos respondieron:

“Está haciendo una pregunta en áreas de las que no podemos hablar”.

Por su parte, el consulado mexicano ofrece los datos de abogados u organizaciones especializadas en servicios migratorios que están aprobadas por las autoridades estadounidenses para evitar estafas.

“Queremos alentar a la población a no hacer uso de abogados ni de notarios públicos”, dijo Jacobo.

Los oficiales de USCIS también aconsejan prescindir del uso de abogados, a menos que los interesados tengan dudas acerca de la clasificación de los delitos que pudieran haber cometido.

Alrededor de 200 estudiantes han acudido al consulado para ser orientados y recibir ayuda para obtener un documento de identidad.

“En cuanto supe la noticia comencé a pensar a dónde debía ir para recibir orientación y, por suerte, decidí a ir al consulado”, dijo “José”. “Ahorita estoy tramitando mi pasaporte y debo de estar al tanto para tener la información más reciente sobre el programa”.

De acuerdo a Jacobo, el 68 por ciento de los jóvenes que podrían ser beneficiados, son mexicanos.

Para asistencia y orientación, visite el consulado en 301 México Blvd. salón F-2 de 8:30 a.m. a 5 p.m. de lunes a viernes o contacte a Bárbara Gutiérrez o Ramiro Ballesteros al 542-2051.

Para conocer las actualizaciones de este proceso, obtener las solicitudes e instrucciones de llenado, la dirección a la que las formas y cuota deberán ser enviadas y la información de contacto de abogados autorizados, visite www.uscis.gov.

Para obtener información oficial sobre este tema, llame gratis a USCIS al 1-800-375-5283 ó a la Oficina de Inmigración y Aduana al 1-888-351-4024.

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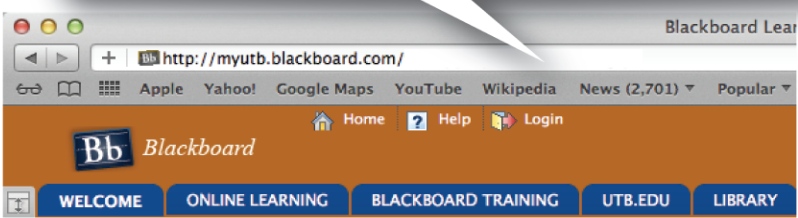
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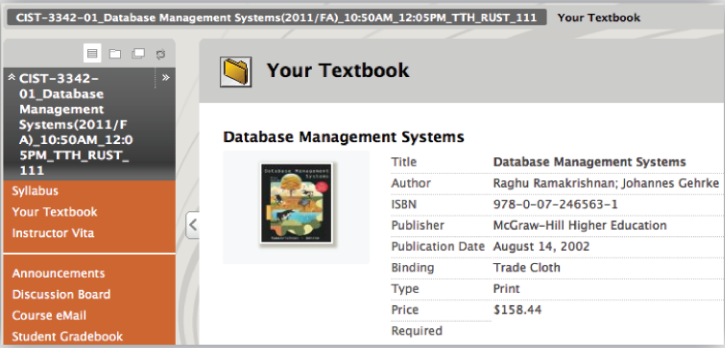
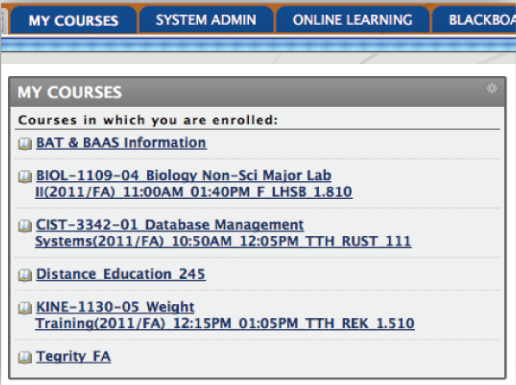


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